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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

As a writer, I appreciate the effort that has gone into Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's production of more than three hundred and fifty books.

My name is Josette Wingo. I am a professional writer currently involved in finishing a memoir of the WAVES who served in World War II, of which I was one.

I have known about Bhagwan for six years, during which time I have participated in his workshops at his ashram in Lucerne Valley California, at Utsava in Laguna Beach and at the Shraavan Center here in Los Angeles. I have read many of his books and heard almost as many of his video tapes. There is no question in my mind that he is a great teacher. I find myself returning again and again to his books, for inspiration and understanding and encouragement.

I cannot think of him as being non-functional because he has embraced Silence. I have his books on my shelves, his tapes on our cassette deck, his proteges and trainees available at the centers. So many people have learned so much from his teachings and will continue to do so, should we be so fortunate as to keep him with us.

America has always prided itself on its receptivity to plurality, both in religion and in living philosophies. I should be saddened to think that the premises by which I lived these last sixty years have been negated. I raised my children by these precepts. I cannot think that any bureaucratic regulation can supercede these basic AMERICAN values.

I would hope that anyone would consider the danger to our American life more fundamental than the possibilities of any possible harm to the body politic that might ensue from permitting Bhagwan to stay here.

EXHIBIT "A-612" Sincerely,

*Josette Wingo*